



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: F-2009- 04767

REQUEST DETAILS:

“Sergeant Ali Livingstone—had made 524 arrests between April 2008 and March 2009.

I would like to know the following information:

- 1. How many arrests were made each month*
- 2. How many of these arrests resulted in a charge*
- 3. How many of these arrests resulted in a conviction/caution/reprimand/etc.”*

RESPONSE:

The following information is based on SGT Livingstone making 503 arrests in the period specified as apposed to 524 as previously stated. There are circumstances where information will change whilst it is continually updated on our systems, which may result in a differing figure from one day to the next when a search is made.

In this case, the probable cause for the change in figure is in the system for which the information is extracted. It is a live database and we are working with changeable data sets. Therefore, it may be that SGT Livingstone was the OIC on one day and subsequently this has been transferred to another Officer for action.

1. The following table provides the statistics of arrests made on a monthly basis.

Month of arrest	2008/09	2009/10	
April	22	47	
May	28	54	
June	26	40	
July	43	52	
August	38	47	
September	37	57	
October	70	27	
November	47		
December	46		
January	45		
February	47		
March	54		
Total	503	324	827



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2. The following provides the disposal of the arrests made.

Arrest outcome	2008/09	2009/10	Grand Total
Charge	116	145	261
NFA	100	99	199
Caution/Warning/Reprimand	21	40	48
Still on bail	9	23	32
FPN	14	10	24
Unknown (NSPIS data not copied to CIS)	243	7	246
Total	503	324	827

3. The above table provides this information although Suffolk Constabulary does not hold conviction data in an easily searchable manner. We would be required to search through each charge to establish whether or not an individual was convicted at court. We then rely on the provision of the Court papers and so even if we were able to retrieve this information we would not be able to guarantee its accuracy.

Information relating to court results should be obtained from CPS via their Freedom of Information Team, at the following web link:

<http://www.cps.gov.uk/foi/index.html>

Please note: The information above provides a breakdown of the disposal of arrests. Arrests that do not result in a charge, caution, reprimand or warning does not necessarily mean that the result was NFA.

There are many reasons why a charge, warning, reprimand or caution would not be administered but still lead to a positive outcome. For example non-pace matters such as the execution of warrants, powers to stop and search and the issue of penalty notices (breach of the peace or public order offences). In these cases it would not be necessary or justified to charge, warn, reprimand or caution the person in question if alternative disposals were adequate.